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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John A. Logan was born in Jackson County in what  
3 is now the City of Murphysboro on February 9, 1826; and

4 WHEREAS, During the course of John Logan's lifetime, he  
5 served in the Illinois General Assembly, the United States  
6 House of Representatives, and in the United States Senate; and

7 WHEREAS, John Logan gave a speech in Marion on August 19,  
8 1861, after which General, and later President, Ulysses S.  
9 Grant declared that John Logan "saved Southern Illinois for the  
10 Union"; and

11 WHEREAS, John Logan raised the 31st Illinois Volunteer  
12 Infantry and, as Colonel, commanded it at the battles of  
13 Belmont and Fort Donelson, during which he was seriously  
14 wounded; and

15 WHEREAS, John Logan rose to the rank of Major General and  
16 commanded General Sherman's 15th Corps; and

17 WHEREAS, After the death of General McPherson, John Logan  
18 led the Army of the Tennessee to victory at the Battle of  
19 Atlanta on July 22, 1864; and

1           WHEREAS, John Logan's role in the victory at the Battle of  
2 Atlanta is honored by both the Atlanta Cyclorama and a grand  
3 equestrian statue in Grant Park in Chicago; and

4           WHEREAS, John Logan is considered by many historians to be  
5 the best of the Union's volunteer generals in the Civil War;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The General John A. Logan Museum honors one of the  
8 most noteworthy 19th century Americans, whose legacy includes  
9 modern veterans benefits, and being an early advocate of equal  
10 rights for African Americans and women - well ahead of his  
11 time; and

12           WHEREAS, John Logan is named, along with President Abraham  
13 Lincoln and President Ulysses S. Grant in the state song  
14 "Illinois"; and

15           WHEREAS, On May 5, 1868, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand  
16 Army of the Republic, John Logan issued General Order No.11,  
17 which established Memorial Day as a national holiday;  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 urge the United States Postal Service to commemorate the life

1 of John Logan with a postage stamp to be issued in time for the  
2 150th anniversary of Memorial Day becoming a national holiday  
3 in 2018; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 delivered to United States Postmaster General, Megan Brennan.